On the request of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to the Director General of Health Services on 9-10-1989, the Central Drugs Inspectors, North Zone randomly drew samples of 20 batches and sent them to the Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta, for test and analysis. Out of these samples, 14 samples were found not of standard quality for the reasons that they were contaminated with fungus; one sample failed in Pyrogen test and 5 samples were declared to be of standard quality.

Based on the reports of the analysis and investigations, prosecution was launched against M/s Eskay Pharmaceuticals as well as M/s Oslers Pharma Ltd. in the Court of 1st class Metropolitan Magistrate, Tis Hazari, Delhi, under the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder. The matter is, thus sub-judice.

2906. [*Transferred to the 7th August*, 1992]

2907. [*Transferred to the 7th August*, 1992]

Ban on advertisement of tobacco products

2908. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by his Ministry to discourage the use of tobacco;

(b) whether there is any proposal to ban the advertisement of tobacco products; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) Administrative instructions have already been issued to prohibit smoking, to start with, in a few selected public places like hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, conference rooms domestic air flights, air conditioned chaircars and air conditioned sleeper coaches in trains, sub-urban trains and air-conditioned buses.

In order to ban/regulate the advertisement of tobacco products the Govt. have initiated steps to enact a Comprehensive Anti-Tobacco Legislation.

Payment of gratuity to the employees of family planning association of India

2909. DR. BALDEV PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees appointed under Government funded projects of the Family Planning Association of India, New Delhi Branch;

(b) the number of employees superannuated/died in harness between 1st January, 1986 and 1st July, 1992; and

(c) the amount of Gratuity paid in each case in terms of the Family Planning Association of India Employees' Group Gratuity-cum-life Assurance Scheme, 1978?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) 46 (including 3 part-time) employees are appointed under Government funded projects of FPAI, New Delhi.

(b) Five, Sir.

(c) As there is no provision under the Government funded projects for payment of gratuity, the staff working in these projects is not being covered under the Family Planning Association of India Employees' Group Gratuity-cum-life Assurance